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Re: My Response to
Detailed Action dated August 27, 2002
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Dear Examiner Bleck:

I hope you had a nice holiday. Thank you for your and Examiner Joseph Thomas's assistance during our December 4, 2002 interview.

CLAIMS

Claims 1-20:

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Claims 21-40

Please "add" the following Claims 21-40:

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